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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING EARLY MORNING PLENARY SESSION AT WHICH PERUVIAN, BRAZILIAN AND JAMAICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS DELIVERED SET SPEECHES, FIRST DIALOGUE SESSION BEGAN AT 11 A.M. AND HEARD STATEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS FROM ARGENTINA, COSTA RICA AND PERU, ON OAS RESTRUCTURING FROM MEXICO AND ON ARMS RESTRAINT FROM VENEZUELA AND MEXICO. AT AFTERNOON DIALOGUE SESSION, FONMIN OF ECUADOR MADE STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF MEXICAN RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL, VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR MACHIN DELIVERED UNCHARACTERISTICALLY LOW-KEY SPEECH ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER MADE GENERAL US STATEMENT ON ALL KEY TOPICS (SEPTEL) AND DOMINICAN FONMIN DELIVERED STRONG ADDRESS AGAINST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES BUT MADE DISTINCTION BETWEEN DEFENSE AGAINST TERRORISM AND ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

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1. FIRST ORDER OF THE DAY JUNE 23 WAS SPECIAL PLENARY SESSION TO ACCOMMODATE ADDRESSES BY DEPARTING FONMINS OF JAMAICA, PERU, AND BRAZIL, AT WHICH THEY DEALT HEAVILY WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES MOST LA AND CARIBBEAN SPOKESMEN HAVE STRESSED AT THIS GA. OASGA THEN WENT INTO THIRD PRIVATE DIALOGUE SESSION THAT WAS DEVOTED LARGELY TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND OAS RESTRUCTURING. FONMIN OF VENEZUELA TOOK

OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE TOPIC OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT FOR AYACUCHO SIGNATORIES AND HE WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY MEXICO, WHICH ANNOUNCED IT WOULD PROPOSE A WIDE-REACHING RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT IN COMMITTEE I NEXT WEEK. (TEXT BY SEPTTEL)

2. MORNING DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS FEATURED STRONG PITCH BY FONMIN OF COSTA RICA FOR RESOLUTION CLARIFYING STATUS OF IAHRG DURING PERIOD FOLLOWING RATIFICATION OF PACT OF SAN JOSE BY ELEVENTH RATIFYING STATE AND HIS OFFER OF SAN JOSE AS SITE FOR FUTURE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COURT. PERUVIAN FONMIN ANNOUNCED THAT ON HIS RETURN TO LIMA, PERU WOULD IMMEDIATELY RATIFY THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THUS SUPPLY ELEVENTH RATIFICATION NEEDED TO BRING CONVENTION INTO FORCE (PANAMA AND EL SALVADOR DEPOSITED NINTH AND TENTH INSTRUMENTS IN THE PAST TWO DAYS). DE LA PUENTE WENT ON TO GIVE LENGTHY DISCOURSE ON THE PREFERABILITY OF MULTILATERAL IAHRG PASSING JUDGMENTS ON INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF MEMBER STATES OVER UNILATERAL COMMENTARIES OR ACTIONS BY CERTAIN STATES WHICH AMOUNT TO INTERVENTION INTO INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HIS REMARKS WERE STRONGLY APPLAUDED BY MANY DELEGATIONS, WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS OF HALF-DOZEN HUMAN RIGHTS SUPPORTERS.

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3. TURNING AGAIN TO OAS RESTRUCTURING, MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY ROEL PROVIDED MANY DETAILS OF RESOLUTION HE WILL SUBMIT SOON. FYI. GUIDELINES HE SUPPLIED US PRIVATELY (SENT SEPTTEL) CALL FOR CREATION OF A SPECIAL NEGOTIATING GROUP OF 9 TO 11 MEMBERS TO START WORK IN SEPTEMBER AND REPORT TO PERMANENT COUNCIL IN TWO MONTHS; HIATUS OF TWO MONTHS ALLOWED IF NO CONSENSUS REACHED, FOLLOWED BY NEW SET OF TWO-MONTH NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO REPORT TO GA, EITHER SPECIAL GA OR REGULAR IX GA. WHILE WE STRONGLY SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF GOALS LEADING TO RESTRUCTURING OF OAS, WE HAVE STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT PERMANENT COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT CALLED FOR BY MEXICAN PROPOSAL; WE WILL BE SEEKING MODIFICATIONS IN COMMITTEE I NEXT WEEK. END FYI.

4. AFTERNOON SESSION SAW MORE INTERVENTIONS ON TOPICS OF TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS AS WELL AS COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT BY US REPRESENTATIVE (DEP SEC CHRISTOPHER) COVERING ALL ISSUES RAISED TO THIS POINT. (SENT SEPTTEL)

US REPRESENTATIVE STRESSED BASIC US SUPPORT FOR MEXICO'S RESTRUCTURING PROPOSAL, RESTATING POINTS MADE YESTERDAY,

PRESENTED STRONG US POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONDED TO FREQUENT CHARGES OF ECONOMIC PROTECTIONISM.

5. ECUADOR ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR MEXICAN IDEA OF NEGOTIATING COMMISSION, ADVANCED FIRST DAY OF INFORMAL DIALOGUES (SEE USDEL 1), CALLED FOR STRENGTHENING OF IAHRIC AND COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON COSTA RICAN PROPOSALS MADE IN MORNING SESSION FOR RESOLUTIONS TO CLARIFY STATUS OF IAHRIC AND TO LOCATE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COURT IN SAN JOSE.

6. FONMIN SILVEIRA OF BRAZIL GAVE LENGTHY ANTI-TERRORISM STATEMENT STRESSING DANGER OF WORLD-WIDE THREAT. HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REITERATED GOB'S SUPPORT FOR CONCLUSION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TERRORISM GOING BEYOND OAS CONVENTION OF WASHINGTON (WHICH COVERS ONLY ASSAULTS AGAINST DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL). SILVEIRA LAID HEAVY EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS AND SAID PROTECTIONISM IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES VIOLATES THESE RIGHTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT INTERFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL BODIES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN STATE AND ITS CITIZENS TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS COULD NOT BE TOLERATED, UNLESS SITUATION WERE SO GRAVE AS TO CONSTITUTE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, AND CLAIMED THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IN BRAZIL ARE MORE THAN ADEQUATELY PROTECTED BY ITS LEGAL SYSTEM.

7. VENEZUELA'S OAS AMBASSADOR MACHIN SPOKE AT GREAT LENGTH OF VENEZUELA'S FIRM COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND ITS ABHORRENCE OF TERRORISM. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT CONCEPTUAL DISTINCTION BETWEEN TERRORISM AND VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAD TO BE CAREFULLY MAINTAINED OR GRAVE ERROR WOULD RESULT. REFERRING TO OAS RESTRUCTURING, MACHIN RECALLED EARLIER COMMENT OF FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO OF COLOMBIA THAT US HAS NO POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA, LA HAS NO POLICY TOWARD US AND LA HAS NO POLICY AMONG ITS OWN CONSTITUENT STATES EITHER. MACHIN CALLED FOR LATIN AMERICAN OAS DELEGATIONS TO GET THEIR ACT TOGETHER AND BEGIN WORKING OUT THE BASES OF A FUNCTIONING INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM BEFORE THEY BEGAN TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANGLO-SAXON MEMBER STATES.

8. DOMINICAN FOREIGN MINISTER JIMENEZ DILATED LENGTHILY UPON MENACE OF TERRORISM AND RENEWED CALL HE MADE DURING VII GA TO FOLLOW UP LONG-STANDING GA INSTRUCTION FOR PERMANENT COUNCIL STUDY OF PROBLEM AND PROPOSE MEASURES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO COMBAT THREAT.

9. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, EXPRESSING VIEW OF MINI-STATES, ADMONISHED DELEGATIONS THAT ANY CHANGE IN CHARTER SHOULD REFORM ART. 8 PROVISION RESTRICTING MEMBERSHIP OF STATES INVOLVED WITH CURRENT MEMBERS IN TERRITORIAL DISPUTES. HE SAID CHANGES SHOULD ASSURE EQUAL RESPECT FOR ALL STATES CURRENT MEMBERS AND OFFER OPPORTUNITY TO EMERGING NATIONS TO JOIN AS EQUALS. HE CONCLUDED WITH WARM COMMENDATION OF WORK OF IAHC.

10. COMMENT: PLENARY SESSION SATURDAY MORNING WILL FEATURE FORMAL ADDRESSES BY GROWING LIST OF FONMINS. A LAST INFORMAL DIALOGUE IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON BUT IT MAY BE CANCELLED IF DELEGATIONS DO NOT SIGN UP TO SPEAK -- NONE HAS, SO FAR. ON BALANCE, INFORMAL DIALOGUES HAVE DEMONSTRATED EITHER IMPRESSIVE SUPPORT BY MOST COUNTRIES FOR STRONGER ROLE OF IAHC OR WILLINGNESS ON PART OF OTHERS TO GO ALONG WITH TREND TOWARD MULTILATERALIZING HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE. DIALOGUES HAVE ALSO SEEN RELUCTANCE BY MOST DELEGATIONS TO CRITICIZE COUNTRIES DIRECTLY AND PREFERENCE OF MOST FOR ABSTRACT STATEMENTS PRO-HUMAN RIGHTS OR ANTI-TERRORISM. EVEN MACHIN, FAMOUS FOR HARSH ATTACKS ON CHILE, NICARAGUA AND URUGUAY, MENTIONED NO COUNTRY IN HIS LENGTHY STATEMENT AND REFERRED OBLIQUELY TO CHILE ONLY BY DENOUNCING ACT OF LATIN AMERICAN TERRORISM IN WASHINGTON, D.C. JAMAICA LAUDED IAHC REPORTS ON PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY -- US EXPRESSED STRONG BELIEF ALL THREE EXCELLENT IAHC REPORTS SHOULD BE ENDORSED IN SEPARATE RESOLUTIONS -- BUT URUGUAY HAS MADE MILD SELF DEFENSE AGAINST JAMAICA'S REFERENCE, AS DID PARAGUAY, WHILE CHILE HAS REMAINED SILENT THROUGHOUT. MULTILATERALIZATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIA RATIFYING SAN JOSE PACT SEEMS TO BE GAINING STRENGTH IN THE OAS AS DEFENSE AGAINST BILATERAL CRITICISM, AS APPLAUSE FOR PERUVIAN FONMIN'S STATEMENT IN INFORMAL

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